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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield

EVALUATION

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1. Between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 25 January 1952, Grossenhain airfield was observed from its western and southern sides. Four swept-back jet fighters were parked in the southwestern corner of the field. The hangars appeared to be closed. There was no activity at the field.

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2. On 28 December 1951, a Russian woman who was employed in the construction office of the field said that Balbotkony (fnu) was the chief of the office and the supply officer. The former dwellings of German civilians outside the field which were requisitioned for Soviet airfield personnel, mostly officers, were no longer occupied by Soviet dependents. All the officers' dependents at the field were transferred to the U.S.S.R. in the fall of 1951. Some of the newly arrived Soviet Air Force woman auxiliaries were quartered in the former officers billets outside the field. **

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* Comment. Grossenhain airfield has been occupied by two reactivated fighter regiments since December 1951. The OATBs of the two regiments were supplied with fuel by Veltan fuel depot in late December 1951. repeatedly confirmed the presence of the two fighter units in December 1951 and January 1952. Previous reports indicate that the two regiments were only equipped with a small number of planes.

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** Comment. The statements on the evacuation of the billets outside the field and the transfer of the officers to the U.S.S.R. agrees with previous information. The previous assumption that the new units have not yet reached their authorized strength of personnel is supported by the information that the billets have not been occupied by officers. The name of the supply officer is reported for the first time.

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